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FOR: ELECTRIC CONNECTOR FOR ELECTRICALLY CONNECTING A WIRE OF  
ONE ARTICLE TO A CONTACT OF ANOTHER ARTICLE

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- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Fifteenth Form PTO-1449, and a copy and an English abstract of reference AK3 cited thereon.
- 2) This Information Disclosure Statement accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition to Withdraw Application From Issue, because the Issue Fee has already been paid. In view of the RCE, the prosecution is to be reopened and this Information Disclosure Statement is properly considered and does not require a fee under 37 CFR 1.97(b)(4).

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- 3) Reference AK3 is accompanied by an English Abstract and is further cited for what is shown in the drawings thereof. This reference was cited by the European Examiner in a European counterpart application of US Application 10/445,182, which is related to the present application. The European Examiner cited the reference for disclosing a holding member (8) as part of the contact, as well as guide walls (4), which are not directly relevant to the allowed claims of the present US Application. But the reference shows other features that may be regarded as material, e.g. a contact member apparently including a wire terminal crimped to a wire and a contacting part to be pressed against a contact, as well as what is described in the English abstract.
- 4) The Examiner is requested to consider all references of record, return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Fifteenth Form PTO-1449,  
1 reference,  
1 English abstract

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